

A3 29. (Amended) A host cell transformed by a vector according to claim 26 or 27.

A4 35. (Amended) A polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide according to claim 1.

A5 40. (Amended) A method for producing ML-236B, comprising culturing a host cell according to claim 29 and then recovering ML-236B from the culture.

sub B6 43. (Amended) A method according to claim 40, wherein production occurs in the absence of recombinant *mlcA*, B, C or D corresponding to SEQ ID NO 44, 46, 48 or 50.

A6 44. (Amended) ML-236B produced by the method of claim 40.

45. (Amended) A method of manufacturing pravastatin, which comprises carrying out a method according to claim 40 and converting the ML-236B to pravastatin.

A7 50. (Amended) A vector comprising a polynucleotide according to claim 47 or 48.

A8 52. (Amended) A polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide according to claim 47 or 48.